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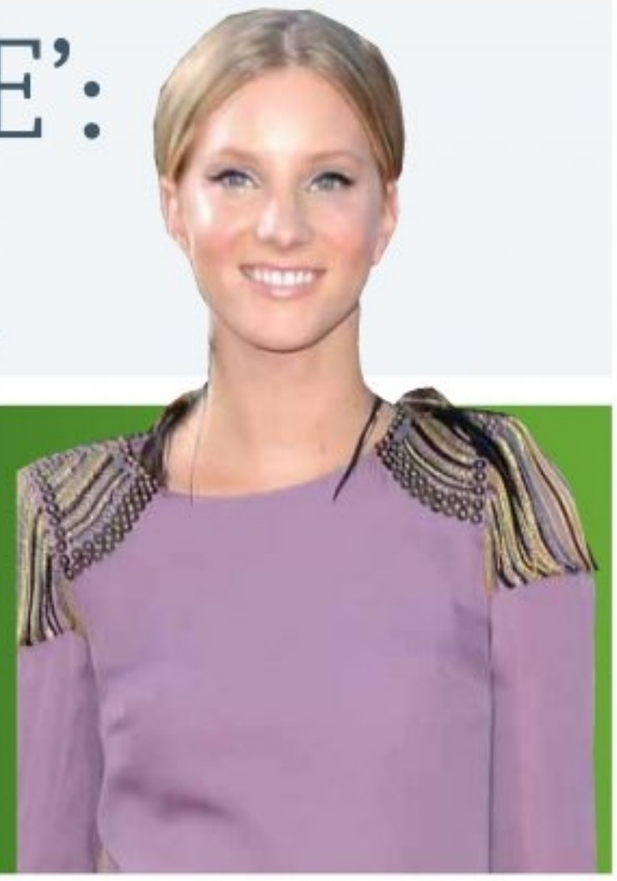

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The debate on gun control hit home yesterday as nearly 1,000 people rallied on Boston Common in support of the Second Amendment. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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In the news

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Multibillionaire and owner of the Dallas Mavericks Mark Cuban is challenging Berklee College of Music students to come up with a new show for his TV network. Cuban, whose net worth is $2.4 billion, according to Forbes, is offering $5,000 for the best show that connects music, television and social media.

Local tweet

"Those days when a Blue Line car faintly smells like maple syrup is a good day #mbta #mbtawin"

@JosephVictor81 has smelled worse on the T.

A large group rallied on the Boston Common yesterday in support of the Second Amendment. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Gun-rights activists make stand in Hub

Gun control debate. Members of a gun-rights group say they have a chance to curb gun control in Mass.

Pushing for gun control

Local politicians have repeatedly called for tighter national controls on guns. Mayor Thomas Menino has pushed for a ban on large-capacity magazines and universal background checks.

Saying that politicians in Massachusetts and across the nation are trying to strip them of their "God-given rights for … self protection," gun-rights activists rallied on the Boston Common yesterday to stand up to attempts to tighten controls on firearms.

"Our Second Amendment rights require us to show up and be seen," said Steve Moysey, vice president of the Northborough-based Gun Owners' Action League.

Moysey spoke to a crowd of nearly 1,000 people during the rally organized by GOAL.

Despite strong voices in the state speaking about the need for better gun control, those who attended the rally felt like they could still make an impact.

"We have no choice but to try," said Arthur Saarinen, a 61-year-old from Lexington who showed up to the rally with two flags: an American flag and one with an assault rifle that said "Come and take it."

Yang Li, a member of GOAL, spoke to the crowd while holding up the red outline of a person on a target sheet. The holes in the sheet were from his 6-year-old's first time shooting.

"We realize we are out numbered here … but we have the soap box, the ballot box, the jury box and the ammo box."

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Daniel F. Conley announces his mayoral candidacy. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Mayoral race. DA Conley throws hat into the ring

Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley announced his candidacy for mayor of Boston yesterday.

In a written statement to the press, Conley said he intends to put his "heart and soul (and several pairs of shoes)" into his campaign, and that "if you are like me and love this city and want to see it live up to its full promise and potential, then my campaign is your campaign."

Conley's decision comes a week after Mayor Thomas Menino announced he would not seek a sixth term in office. City Councilor John Connolly had formally declared his candidacy before Menino made the announcement.

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Scrub the Hub

Volunteer to clean up Hub

The city is looking for volunteers to participate in the 11th Annual Boston Shines Citywide Neighborhood Clean Up and Community Service Volunteer Program.

Mayor Thomas Menino said in a statement, "Our goal this year is to have more volunteers, repaint more crosswalks, repair more signs, and plant more flowers than ever before to get our city ready for the spring and summer."

The weekend event, which runs April 26 and 27, sends thousands of volunteers across the city's neighborhoods. METRO

Education

For-profit college sued by Coakley

The state is suing a for-profit college in Brockton and alleging that the school misrepresented job placement numbers and made other misleading statements about its training to students.

Attorney General Martha Coakley's office filed a complaint yesterday against Sullivan & Cogliano Training Centers, Inc.

Coakley said her office is conducting an "extensive investigation" into the for-profit school industry. METRO

Drug lab crisis

Tampering discounted in heroin case

A 54-year-old man was convicted by a Suffolk County jury last week of dealing heroin, despite the drugs being originally tested by accused rogue chemist Annie Dookhan.

Julio Medina was arrested in 2009 for selling drugs to undercover Boston police officers.

The drugs in the case had been originally certified by Dookhan, who is accused of tampering with thousands of drug cases. However, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office said the drugs were retested and confirmed to be heroin. METRO

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Celeb extortion. Man says he has video of Boston celebrity in club

A Lowell man accused of trying to extort money from a Boston celebrity is facing federal charges.

Felix Paulino is due in federal court Friday.

The Boston celebrity is not named in court documents. Instead, he is described as "a well-known Boston personality" who is married and whose financial problems were being reported in the media last fall.

Paulino allegedly wanted $20K.

Paulino allegedly called the man's agent and said that he had a three-minute video of the celebrity at the club Venu that showed him trying to lure young women to his room, touching them and telling them that he is a "player." He allegedly said he'd sell the video to TMZ. MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Pot shop trailblazers learn tricks of trade

Budding industry. Medical marijuana dispensary-support company coaches Mass. residents on reefer regulations.

About 300 potential pot shop pioneers turned out at the Sheraton yesterday, eager to learn the ins and outs of a budding Massachusetts business opportunity: marijuana dispensaries.

Medbox Inc. CEO Bruce Bedrick hosted the event, which shed light on new state regulations. The herb will be prescribed to Massachusetts patients suffering from chronic diseases.

One message was clear at yesterday's free seminar: Opening a dispensary is not easy .

"This is a risky, up-and-down industry. You have to want to be in it, to chew steel and spit out nails, because this process isn't easy," Bedrick said. "You have to put your best foot forward to get one of the 35 licenses."

Bud vending behemoth

Medbox is an armored, automated, fingerprint-controlled storage and dispensing machine that includes a seed-to-patient tracking technology.

- The 700-pound machine is climate controlled, and able to hold up to 55 different types of marijuana.
- Draft regulations allow one sample of each product offered for sale – all other marijuana must be hidden in "opaque cabinets or containers."

To get a license, applicants must prove that they are a nonprofit organization incorporated in Massachusetts; that they have at least have $500,000 in an escrow account; and that they have not been convicted of a felony drug offense.

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Analysis

Reefer regulations in Mass.

The new medical marijuana law allows for as many as 35 nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries to open around the state. They'll be able to grow, process and sell up to 60 days' worth of marijuana to each qualifying patient, but the dispensaries can't open until regulations are in place.

A first draft of regulations was released Friday.

Bruce Bedrick demonstrates how to use a MedBox marijuana dispenser at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston yesterday. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Teens in prison

Officials: Get teens out of jail

Warning of the dangers 17-year-olds face in adult corrections facilities, officials, academics and others urged lawmakers yesterday to pass legislation that would put those teenagers in the juvenile justice system. SHNS

Animal neglect

ARL seeks info on neglected puppy

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is seeking information regarding a severely neglected 5- to 6-month-old puppy found in Dorchester yesterday. METRO

College students

Job 'bootcamp' for college students

About 80 Boston-area college students are expected to attend a Be a Changemaker Bootcamp on Saturday at Boston University to get a leg up on how to enter the job market. METRO

Funding

Gov. aides warn of tax proposal

The legislature's $500 million tax plan to pay for transportation investments will force fare and toll hikes and will double the state's share of costs associated with the Green Line Extension, administration officials said yesterday. SHNS

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From left, Ray Magliozzi of NPR's Car Talk show, Aerosmith band member Tom Hamilton, NECN's Jenny Johnson and former Gov. Bill Weld practice for Banned in Boston. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Banned in Boston: comedy for a cause

Funny. Hub celebrities will perform skits as part of annual Urban Improv fundraiser.

On Friday, Urban Improv will host its annual comedy and music revue fundraiser, Banned in Boston. The benefit, now in its 21st year, puts Boston-area celebrities and politicians in the comedy spotlight, performing unrehearsed skits that skewer pop culture. "It's the funniest fundraiser in town," said Narcissa Campion, managing director or Urban Improv. "We make sure the audience has fun."

The benefit aims to raise as much as $600,000 to fund the youth program, which offers workshops on bullying, racism, peer pressure, violence and other issues affecting young people.

Mayor Thomas Menino, Gov. Deval Patrick and Aerosmith bassist Tom Hamilton are scheduled to perform.

The mayor is expected to act in a spoof of the British drama series "Downton Abbey," called "Downtown Crossing Abbey."

If you go

Friday, 6 p.m., dinner at Lansdowne Pub, followed by the show at House of Blues. For more info, visit www.urbanimprov.org

Some "surprise guests" are also expected.

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Transit

Video shows Red Line operating with door open

On Monday, a T rider posted a YouTube video showing a Red Line train operating with an open door.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo told a local radio station that the door had malfunctioned, and the subway car was removed from service Monday night for repairs.

He also said all of the older Red Line cars with the same door mechanism are being checked. **METRO**

Broken nose. Transit Police hunt man who assaulted bus driver

Transit Police are searching for a man who allegedly assaulted a Route 14 bus driver at Dudley Square Station yesterday.

The suspect, described as a black man in his 20s, allegedly punched the 55-year-old driver during a fare dispute, breaking his nose.

The majority of assaults on T workers are spawned by fare disputes, according to police.

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MBTA bus in Dudley Square Station
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U.S. soldiers take pictures as South Korean trucks return back after they were denied access to Kaesong joint industrial park in North Korea. / GETTY IMAGES

North Korea halts South's entry into industrial zone

Standoff. Some South Korean experts say the North's move might be temporary given the park is a financial lifeline for Pyongyang.

North Korea closed access to a joint factory zone with South Korea yesterday, officials said, putting at risk $2 billion a year in trade that is vital for an impoverished state with a huge army, nuclear ambitions and a hungry population.

The move marked an escalation in North Korea's months-long standoff with South Korea and the United States.

On Tuesday, Pyongyang said it would restart a mothballed nuclear reactor, drawing criticism from the international community, including China, its major benefactor and diplomatic ally.

In Beijing, China's deputy foreign minister met with ambassadors from the U.S. and both Koreas to express "serious concern" about the Korean peninsula, China's Foreign Ministry said, in a sign China is increasingly worried about events on the Korean peninsula spinning out of control. The ministry said the meetings with Deputy Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui took place Tuesday. REUTERS

Cruel court

Group: Saudi court said to order criminal to be surgically paralyzed

Amnesty International has condemned a reported Saudi Arabian court ruling that a young man should be paralyzed as punishment for a crime he committed 10 years ago that resulted in the victim being confined to a wheelchair. REUTERS

Political leg up. Obama launches fundraising blitz to help Democrats

President Barack Obama launched a fundraising drive for the 2014 midterm elections, addressing to deep-pocketed donors in California in the hope that the Democratic Party can defy the odds and gain congressional seats.

The party in power in the White House usually loses seats in election years in which the presidency is not up for grabs. REUTERS

President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

Rutgers basketball coach fired after abuse video

College basketball. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie also chimed in, calling the move "the right and necessary action to take in light of the conduct displayed."

Rutgers University men's basketball coach Mike Rice was fired yesterday after coming under scrutiny for a video that went viral a day earlier in which he was seen abusing his players.

The ESPN sports network released a video Tuesday showing Rice — who was briefly suspended for his behavior last year — shoving players, hurling balls at their heads, and berating them with homophobic slurs and profanity during practices.

Rutgers University President Robert Barchi said the video showed "a chronic and pervasive pattern of disturbing behavior."

"Coach Rice cannot continue to serve effectively in a position that demands the highest levels of leadership, responsibility and public accountability," Barchi said.

The New Brunswick, N.J.,-based public university is home to about 58,000 students.

Back in December, Rutgers Athletic Director Tim Pernetti had suspended Rice and slapped him with $75,000 in fines and lost salary after seeing the video.

In a statement yesterday, he acknowledged that he should have gone further. REUTERS

Rutgers University President Robert Barchi said the video showed "a chronic and pervasive pattern of disturbing behavior." / GETTY IMAGES

Auto. Hyundai, Kia recall more than 1.8 million vehicles in United States

Hyundai Motor Corp. and its Kia Motors affiliate are recalling more than 1.8 million cars and SUVs in the United States to address a potentially faulty switch and a loose headliner, according to U.S. safety regulators.

Hyundai is recalling 1,059,824 cars and SUVs and Kia 623,658 vehicles from model years 2007 through 2011 to replace a switch that could malfunction and increase the risk of a crash, according to documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The affected Hyundai models include 2007-2009 Accent cars and Tucson SUVs, 2007-2010 Elantras, 2007-2011 Santa Fe SUVs, 2008-2009 Veracruz SUVs, 2010-2011 Genesis coupes and 2011 Sonata cars, according to the NHTSA. REUTERS

Gun bill

Connecticut lawmakers debate gun measure

Connecticut state senators debated a bill yesterday to regulate guns that supporters describe as one of the toughest in the United States.

The bill would require background checks for private gun sales and include a ban on the sale high-capacity ammunition clips of the kind used in the Newtown shooting. REUTERS

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Travel. Samoan airline says paying by weight is 'fairest' way to fly

A Samoan airline that says it is the world's first carrier to charge passengers by their weight rather than per seat defends the plan as the fairest way to fly, in some cases actually ending up cheaper than conventional tickets.

Samoa Air asks passengers to declare their personal weight during booking, which is then charged per kilogram (2.2 lb) at a rate dependent on flight length.

"The industry has this concept that all people throughout the world are the same size," CEO Chris Langton told Reuters. "Airplanes always run on weight, irrespective of seats."

"There is no doubt in my mind that this is the concept of the future. This is the fairest way of you traveling with your family, or yourself."

Children under 12 are charged 75 percent of the adult rate, with fares also based on weight. Any overweight baggage is calculated at the same rate as the passenger's personal weight. REUTERS

Chimp certificate

Justin Bieber given month to collect monkey

Teenage pop sensation Justin Bieber has been given a month to provide German authorities with the papers they need to release his pet monkey "Mally."

Customs officials seized Bieber's capuchin monkey at Munich Airport last week when the 19-year-old failed to present the health and species protection certificates required to bring the pet into the country.

Bieber was visiting Munich to give a concert and has since continued on his tour. REUTERS

Politics

Obama to attend George W. Bush library opening

President Barack Obama will join all four living former presidents at ceremonies marking the opening of George W. Bush's presidential library later this month.

It will mark the first time since January 2009 that the "presidents club" has gotten together. Obama and former presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton will gather in Dallas at Southern Methodist University for the younger Bush's event on April 25. REUTERS

Google's second-gen tablet coming in July

Technology. Nexus 7 joined the ranks of smaller, 7-inch tablets popularized by Amazon and Samsung.

Google introduced its first tablet last June, hoping to replicate its smartphone success in a hotly contested market now dominated by Kindle Fire and Apple's iPad. / GETTY IMAGES

Google Inc. will launch a new version of its Nexus 7 tablet powered by Qualcomm Inc.'s Snapdragon processor around July, two sources told Reuters, as the software giant pushes deeper into the cut-price mobile hardware market.

Google is aiming to ship as many as 8 million of the Asustek-made tablets in the second half of the year, throwing down the gauntlet to other low-end tablets such as Amazon Inc.'s Kindle Fire and Apple Inc.'s iPad mini, the sources with knowledge of the new product said.

This is the first time details about the timing and sales targets for Google's new tablet have been unveiled, although the company has not publicly released any information.

Google, which gets almost all of its revenue from online advertising, wants the aggressively priced Nexus tablets to be a hit, as more Nexus users would mean more exposure for Google's ads.

The latest version will have a higher screen resolution and a thinner bezel design. It will adopt Qualcomm's chip in place of Nvidia Corp.'s Tegra 3, which was used in the first Nexus 7s released last year, the sources said, declining to be identified because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

In a blow to Nvidia, Google weighed both U.S. chipmakers' processors but finally decided on Qualcomm's for power reasons, one of the sources added.

Qualcomm and Nvidia are competing aggressively in the tablet market as they seek to expand from their traditional strongholds of cell phones and PCs, respectively.

A Google spokesman declined to comment on its new tablet. Qualcomm and Nvidia also declined to respond to questions.

Google and other traditionally non-hardware companies like Amazon and Microsoft Corp. have begun making inroads into mobile devices as consumers increasingly access the Web on the go.

Pricing is yet to be determined. REUTERS

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"Ninety-seven percent of Google's revenue comes from advertisement, so it needs to sell more mobile devices in order to reach more consumers."

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Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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My big head

So, everyone hates my giant head and new photo (in my defense, I have a 10-month-old, which doesn't leave much time to get a Glamour Shot or wear contacts). Some of my favorite notes: "Poor you." "Why in the world would you put her head so big?" "That's the worst photo of you I've ever seen," and "You look terrible and old" (the last two were from my 77-year-old father and nanny, respectively). All good points! I promise it's being resolved. In the meantime, Joseph Sanchez (@JJS_III), a reader in Beverly, Mass., gave me a terrific idea via this doodle and tweet: "This is a picture of you with minimalist, one-eyed Ninja Turtles for eyeballs." Rad. So here's the plan: Whoever can deface my face the best

before I get a new headshot wins a prize. I'll be running the top submissions here in The Word, so tweet them to @dorothyatmetro.

Heather Morris: Expecting a tiny dancer

It's been a week of shake-ups for the cast of "Glee." First, it was announced that main cast member Cory Monteith was admitted to rehab on Monday morning for a substance abuse problem, and now it looks like Heather Morris, who portrays the ditzy cheerleader Brittany on the hit show, is pregnant. Us Weekly broke the news that the 26-year-old is expecting a baby with her longtime boyfriend Taylor Hubbell. "She's a little more than three months along and starting to show," the source tells Us Weekly. "It was totally unexpected, but they are incredibly happy and excited." Keep her off the dance numbers, "Glee"!

Beckham's desire as a father

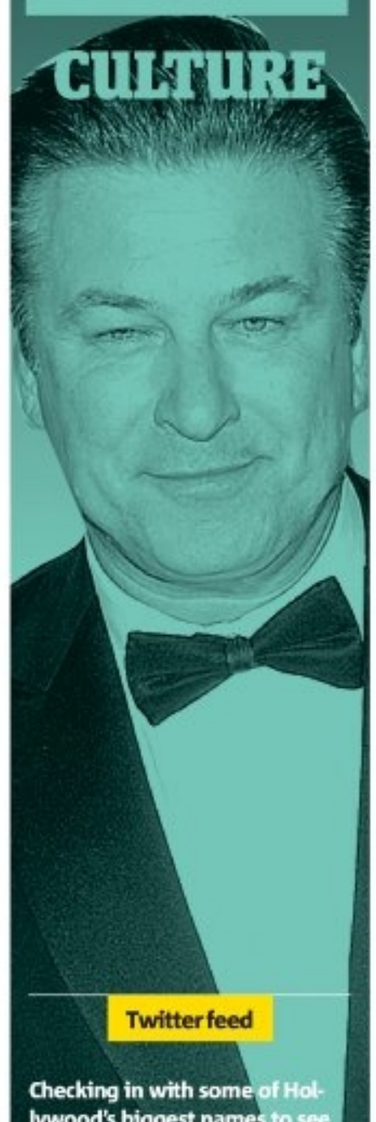
Despite being possibly the most famous man in the world, David Beckham is desperate for his four kids to have a normal a life as possible — even though that can be pretty tricky sometimes. "My eldest now is at the age where he wants to do things and go to places, and we have to hold him back," Beckham tells CNN World Sport about 14-year-old Brooklyn. "You have to explain to him that there are certain things he can't do. But to be honest, we let our children do 99 percent of the things they want to do because we want them to lead a normal life."

LaBeouf: 'I'm not an angry elf'

In an interview with MTV for his new film "The Company You Keep," Shia LaBeouf says the public has the wrong perception about him. "I feel like there's a misconception of me being this angry little elf. I'm not, I'm really not," he tells the site. You know, I used to think Wallace Shawn (above) was Hollywood's "angry little elf," but now that LaBeouf brings it to my attention, I think he is definitely the top contender.

Mrs. Carter: 'I'm just a woman'

Beyonce knows what her critics say about the decision to name her new tour "The Mrs. Carter Show," and she's just going to ignore them. "I guess I am a modern-day feminist," she muses to British Vogue. "Why do you have to label yourself anything? I'm just a woman, and I love being a woman." Do people write to her about the size of her head? I'm asking for a friend.



Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Alec Baldwin can't believe it's his birthday, Niall Horan can't believe he's finally getting his braces off, Daniel Tosh is confused about food and Seth Rogen doesn't watch a lot of Jeremy Irons' television work.

@ABFalecbaldwin: Am I really 55? Wow. Like.....wow. Doesn't seem real.

@NiallOfficial: Morning! This is it! I'm going to the dentist! I think this is my last hour with braces! Oh how I'm gonna miss them! Naaaaaaat!

@danieltosh: why does every fish taco have to have two corn tortillas? let's chat!

@SethRogen: Of all the TV shows I've never seen, I've never seen "The Borgias" the most.

Beverly's own Angie Miller could be the first 'American Idol' from Massachusetts

Angie Miller holds her own with Ryan Seacrest. "American Idol" airs tonight at 8 on Fox 25. / FOX

The cards and gifts boutique Casa de Moda on Cabot Street in Beverly shows off their Angie Miller pride. Miller reportedly applied for a job at the store shortly before the "Idol" events began. / PAT HEALY, METRO

'Idol' hands

Miller graduated in June from Beverly High School, where a rally was held in her honor last night. She delayed college to try out for "American Idol."

Music. The local teen is among only six other remaining contestants, but even Entertainment Weekly is saying the competition is hers to lose.

Just a year ago, Angie Miller was performing in church, school and, occasionally, in North Shore coffeehouses. Now, the 18-year-old Beverly native is singing her way, hopefully, to the finals of "American Idol." This week, Miller is among the Top 7 remaining contestants, and you can bet the whole of Beverly watched last night ready to hit the digits, and will watch tonight with their fingers crossed.

"We're all going to be voting for her," says Albana Meta, owner of Beverly's Gusto Cafe on Cabot Street. "She just sang here a few months ago. She sang here twice to help me out when I opened my cafe last year. For her, it wasn't a job; it was something to do for someone. She's just like that."

The tinted window of the cafe is painted in huge white letters that read, "Gusto loves Angie Miller! Please vote for her!" Similar signs adorn many of the businesses on Beverly's thoroughfare.

"Her friends come in and they all want her to win, they all like her. They all say, 'Go Angela,'" says Meta. "She has a nice personality, there's no jealousy at all. The whole town is happy for her."

Indeed, Beverly is swelling with pride and good wishes. "I just saw her mother and her brother, and they are just so proud."

Miller's father, Guy, is the pastor at Remix Church in Salem, and the church's Facebook page shows a photo of two people performing at the Easter Sunday service. The caption says they're dancing to Angela Miller's song, "You Set Me Free." Miller began singing in church and in her school choir.

This week's "Idol" musical theme is "Classic Rock, No Ballads," which meant that last night Angie had to, well, rock out. No problem, says Meta.

"She can sing different songs. When she played here she sang one of her own songs and some other songs. She is gifted; she's an amazing singer."

What if Miller wins "Idol" and becomes the next Carrie Underwood, a superstar?

"She could be big, she's very talented. But she already told me she wants to come back here and sing again. She cares about her friends."

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10 Films to see this week

Jane Levy in one of the many pleasant scenes in the "Evil Dead" remake.
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1 'Evil Dead' Sam Raimi's name is attached to two current pictures: one a nice prequel to "The Wizard of Oz," the other a semi-remake of his no-budget 1981 debut about collegiates gorily dispatched by a demon who makes them perform multiple self-amputations.

2 'Jurassic Park 3-D' "Jurassic Park" is 20 years old. You're old. Sorry. Steven Spielberg's first dinosaur romp gets the extra-dimensional treatment, which we're assuming was implemented so that people could see 1993-era Laura Dern in 3-D.

3 'The Place Beyond the Pines' Good news, ladies: There's a new movie with The Gosling and BCoop! Better news, ladies: It's a heavy, epic sins-of-the-father megadrama where the hotties share a single shot and Gosling rocks a face tattoo. Destined to make more unassuming viewers upset than "Spring Breakers," it's also director Derek Cianfrance's follow-up to "Blue Valentine," which also made Gosling girl fans cry a couple years back.

4 'Beyond the Hills' Romanian director Cristian Mungiu finally follows up the razor-sharp abortion saga "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" with this equally intense, if less topical, tale of a disturbed woman who gradually creates panic at a remote convent. Not enough people are seeing this and it's excellent, so consider this an unsubtle guilt-trip.

5 'Gimme the Loot' Already compared favorably to both the delightful "Raising Victor Vargas" and the work of Richard Linklater, Adam Leon's low-budget comedy tells of Bronx graffiti artists who hatch an elaborate scheme to tag the Mets' home run apple. Plus, its mere title will get the Notorious B.I.G. song stuck in your head.

6 'From Up on Poppy Hill' The legendary Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away," etc.) is retired, but his company — Studio Ghibli — soldiers on with films that look and feel like his own. This one does Miyazaki without his most celebrated aspect — crazy fantastical creatures, like the beloved Totoro — sticking instead to an earthbound tale of kids trying to save a clubhouse in the '60s.

7 'Reality' Matteo Garrone surprised not a few people when his follow-up to the crime saga "Gommorah" turns out to be this satire about a fishmonger who winds up on the Italian version of "Big Brother."

8 'The Sapphires' Chris O'Dowd ("Bridesmaids," "The IT Crowd") stars in this dramedy about an all-girl group in the '60s comprised entirely of Aboriginal girls. According to the description, they proceed to "learn about love, friendship and war." Good for them!

9 'G.I. Joe: Retaliation' No one much liked the first "G.I. Joe" movie, but it made a lot of money, so Hollywood made another one. And now it looks like the same thing is happening again, only without Channing Tatum. Good job, America: this is why we can't have nice things.

10 'Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor' Another season, another Tyler Perry movie. Jurnee Smollett-Bell plays a marriage counsellor who starts a torrid affair with a cyber mogul. There's no Madea but there is Kim Kardashian in there, because [insert joke here].

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TV watch list

Jess and Nick (Zooey Deschanel and Jake Johnson) go on their first real date on "New Girl."
GETTY IMAGES

COMEDY

'New Girl'

Get ready to keep swooning, America. Nick and Jess venture out for their first date. Naturally, things will go awry, yet you'll only love them more.

9 P.M., FOX

HORROR

'Hannibal'

Find out what you didn't learn about Dr. Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs" on this buzzy new show, starring Mads Mikkelsen as Anthony Hopkins.

SERIES PREMIERE, 10 P.M., NBC

REALITY

'Tabatha Takes Over'

Former "Shear Genius" contestant Tabatha Coffey's spinoff show finds the brash Australian stylist traveling to Tennessee, New Jersey and California.

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BRANDY FALLS PREY TO TYLER PERRY'S 'TEMPTATION'

The successful singer and TV star teams up with Tyler Perry for a cautionary tale that's more grown-up than his usual Madea-led fare.

She's had platinum-selling records, a hit TV show and numerous film roles, but it's the chance to star in a Tyler Perry movie that has Brandy Norwood excited. Metro caught up with the star of Perry's latest film, "Temptation," to talk about that chance, as well as what it is that makes Perry's movies so incredibly popular.

After getting to live the Tyler Perry experience, what do you think makes him such a buzzed-about filmmaker?
I think it's his heart, spirit and honesty. I think he's relatable, and it just feels like he's hung out in all of these areas and 'hoods. Every one of his films, you feel like you know a person like the characters in your life. I think that's what makes him so powerful. On top of that, he's so humble, down to earth and appreciative of everything that he has accomplished. He's not afraid to give that back and to help others. He opens the door for so many people, and I'm one of them.

What does it mean to you personally to be in a Tyler Perry movie?
Personally, it's everything because I'm a fan. I started off watching the plays on DVD. So it's a dream come true to be in a movie that he's directing, a movie that he's written, and then to be a part of something so powerful. It's a blessing.

You mentioned how powerful the film is, but what struck you the most when you first read the script?
It was the subject matter. I felt like so many people have these battles in their relationships and not following that inner voice — that intuition that's telling you, "No!" It's that battle of the mind over the heart. The mind is telling you, "You shouldn't do this." Also, people get confused what running is instead of what confronting is. Sometimes people feel like when you run away from your past or when you run away from the things that you don't want to face, you're being strong or you're being brave. You're not. You're being a coward. The movie touches on that, especially with my character.

You've been successful in music, television and film. Does each provide a different kind of creative outlet for you?
It does, and they're all different. Music, for me, is me. It's the way that I can express my being. It's very personal to me, and also it's a way that I can relate to other people as well. People don't want to feel like they're all by themselves, and that's what my music does for me, and that's what it does for the people listening to it. But with acting, I get a chance to challenge myself, to bring honesty and truth to someone completely different than me, and that's very difficult to do. I love taking on the challenge of that.

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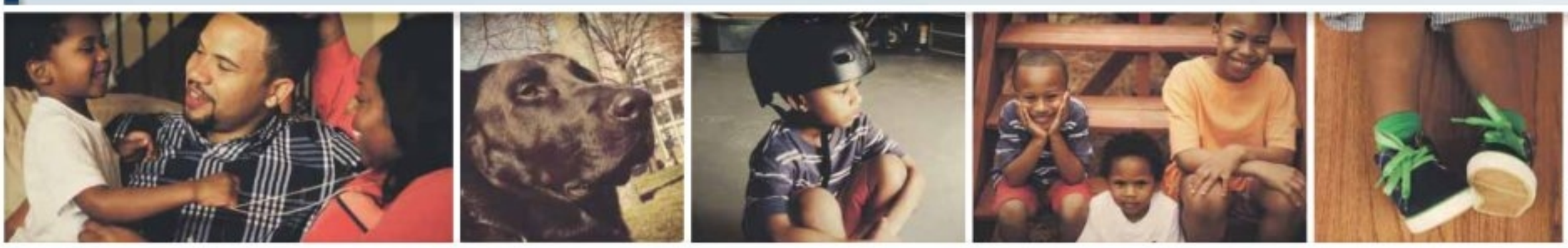

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Dating. Revealing what you want in bed will make your relationship stronger, even if it can be difficult to talk about.

Being honest about your sexual needs is mandatory. / GETTY IMAGES, DESIGN PICS RF

Someone said to me recently that from a physical standpoint, she enjoys casual sex more than sex in a relationship, because with a casual partner she feels more comfortable talking about her fantasies and focusing on her sexual pleasure. "In a relationship," she said, "you're invested in making the other person feel good — both physically and emotionally. Revealing what you want puts much more on the line."

She brings up a good point: When we're in relationships, is too much of our sex life focused on the other person? Are we so concerned with stroking our partners' egos that we care more about looking like we're enjoying sex rather than actually enjoying it? Maybe we fear that telling our partner what to do better might make them feel inadequate, or like we've never truly enjoyed the past sex we've had with them. So, in our minds, we sacrifice our fulfillment so that our loved one can feel like a sexual rock star.

The problem is, this type of "relationship sex" isn't actually good for a relationship. Yes, you should care about pleasing the other person physically and making sure they're comfortable — but that needs to be balanced with what you want, too. This means you have to bite the bullet, give your partner some direction, and tell them your fantasies —they're nothing to be ashamed of. Having exciting sex doesn't have to (and shouldn't) be something that's relegated to partners we don't care about.

We should be having our best sex within relationships because our partners know us. We shouldn't be shielding them from what we like because we're embarrassed, or worse, because we want to stroke their egos. You're not helping your relationship by doing this. The only way to have a good relationship is to stand up for the things you need. That's just as true in the bedroom as it is everywhere else.

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Derek Lam for DesigNation, $70. / COURTESY OF KOHL'S

Two reasons we can't wait for April

Style. Designs from Kenzo and Derek Lam are swoon-worthy.

Derek Lam for Kohl's

This is what we have to say about Derek Lam's collection for Kohl's DesigNation: We pretty much want it all. The CFDA Award winner is the second designer to participate in the department store's effort to bring the runway to the masses. For his turn, Lam drew inspiration from a trip to Rio de Janeiro to create his collection of feminine, sophisticated staples in bold jungle-inspired prints and bright colors. Retail prices for the line will range from $36 to $88 and will be available April 5 at Kohl's stores nationwide and on **www.kohls.com**.

Kenzo X Vans

Kenzo is killing it with the prints. The brand, headed by creative directors Humberto Leon and Carol Lim, teamed up with sneaker icon Vans for a new spring capsule collection that has us swooning. Like the main line, which showed during Paris Fashion Week, the collaboration consists of eye-catching graphics inspired by the duo's trip trekking the jungles of Thailand. The six styles — three lace-ups and three slip-ons — feature "the clouded leopard" print in poppy, perfect-for-spring colors retailing for $125 each. Look out for them April 1 at **www.kenzo.com** and select stores, including Opening Ceremony.

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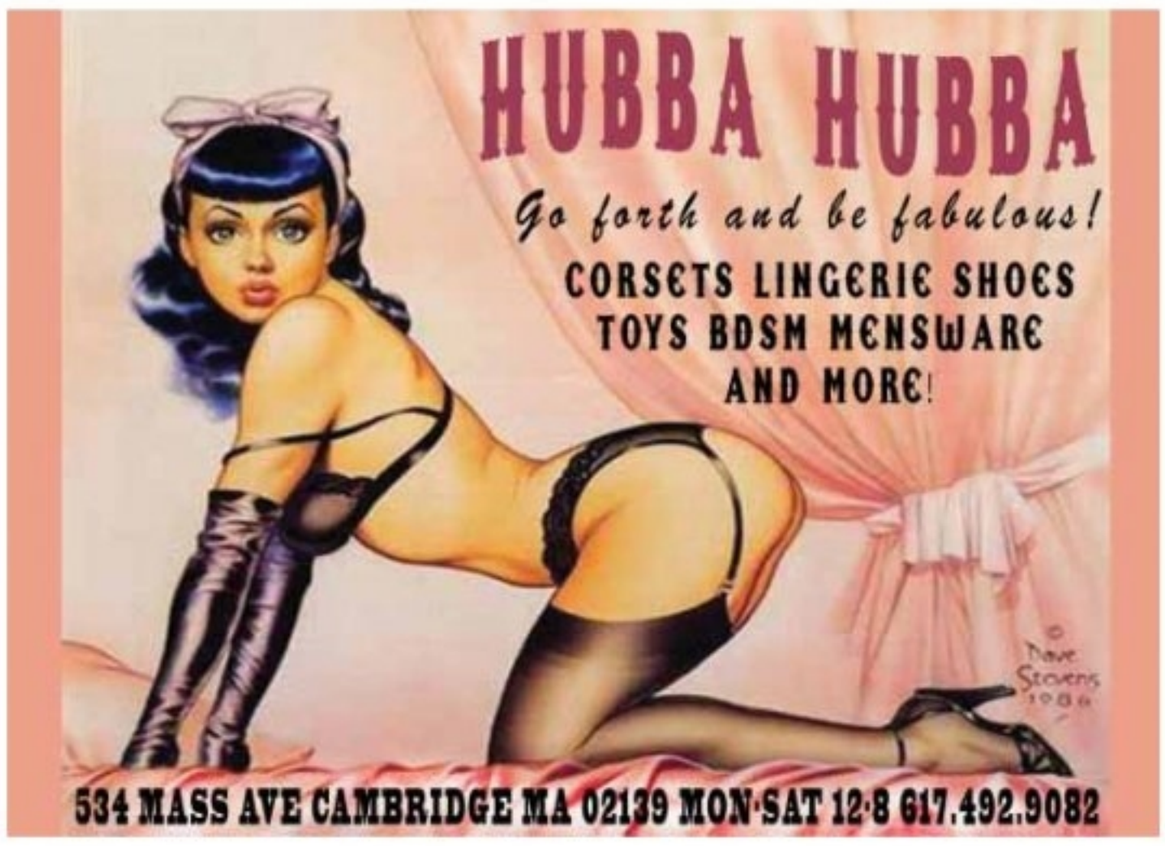
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♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Offering unsolicited advice is risky at best, so if you do so anyway, make sure the recipient knows that it's just a suggestion. You don't want to be held accountable for unpleasantness.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You're likely to have rigid ideas about how things should be done, so any input from a friend or associate could be disruptive. Try to keep an open mind.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. It isn't always smart to try to do something the way another does, even if that person's work is excellent. What's viable for him or her might not be a good fit for you.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Try to avoid a risky financial arrangement that you know little about and have little control over. Now is not the time to take chances.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. An old, unresolved disagreement between you and your special someone could rear its ugly head if you allow it. Letting outsiders into your business could make matters worse.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Labors of love are likely to be handled with remarkable skill, but, by the same token, you might not want to be identified with something that you dislike.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Even though your earning potential is excellent, the way you manage your affairs may not be up to snuff. Try to bring your "A-game."

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. In order to complete what you start, you need to put limitations on how much you attempt to do. Work on one assignment at a time, and proceed slowly and cautiously.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Instead of trying to rectify another's erroneous perception of you, you're likely to let it go unchallenged and brood about the injustice being done to you. Why?

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Be on guard, because there is reason to believe that you could be the target of an expert manipulator. Speak up and don't be a victim.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Be careful not to do anything that could offend someone important to you. You may think your behavior is funny, but the person who pays your salary is likely to be ticked off.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. As always, you will have a choice of how you view developments: positively or negatively. Don't envision failure when it's just as easy to see success. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Letters

The cold facts on an urban menace

I am suffering from constant noise from rogue ice cream trucks that don't heed the law and think they can blast their jingle tunes while parked and during all hours of the day and night.

They've started already before the first day of spring and it is a perpetual annoyance! Police will not come.

I've taken photos of the trucks, their license plates and, when posted, their mobile vendor license, but the city still does nothing.

Most of these trucks don't have valid vendor licenses and become belligerent when asked to turn their music off when parked. I can't open my apartment windows and enjoy the weather without their noise intrusion. We don't need the ceaseless noise, we don't need the calories, we don't need the negative quality of life, but the city could use the fines that should be imposed on these outlaws.

EDWARD KOWALSKI, VIA EMAIL

Insurance fine a burden on the good

Re: "Take care of yourself or the feds will do it for you" (Metro, April 3) The fact that someone does not have health insurance does not automatically mean they are irresponsible and want to shift the cost onto their fellow citizens.

Many people simply cannot afford it. I know from personal experience when, after having knee replacement surgery, my insurance jumped from $100 per month to $700 per month, which I could not afford and had to give up my self-employment status and get a job which provided benefits.

The rationale to punish someone by a fine for not having insurance is the wrong approach.

MARY LOU JACOB, VIA EMAIL

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

1 Pie serving
6 Does field work
10 Lose color
14 Cigar type
15 Norwegian saint (var.)
16 Ft. above sea level
17 Nitrous – (laughing gas)
18 Ocean fish
19 Winged Victory
20 Soft mud
21 Oater role
23 Window over a door
25 Chic
26 Where tigers pace
27 Flawless
29 Festive occasions
32 Leif's language
33 So far
36 Racetrack circuits
37 Reach (2 wds.)
38 Toga-party supply
39 Cries at a circus
40 Brief incursion
41 White-water craft
42 Campus women (hyph.)
43 Banned bug spray
44 Faints with pleasure
47 Moneymaker (2 wds.)
51 Work preference (2 wds.)
54 Ness or Lomond
55 Tub in the fridge
56 Period of quiet
57 Slow, musically
58 Ben Jonson works
59 Ribs, to Cato
60 Yellow fever mosquito
61 Gnat or mouse
62 Riddle starter
63 100 smackers (hyph.)

Down

1 Dart away
2 Karnak neighbor
3 Resort island
4 Musical flourishes
5 WSW opposite
6 Boring (hyph.)
7 Mr. Greenspan
8 Tibetan oxen
9 Most graceful and slim
10 Herb with a licorice scent
11 Adjust the tires
12 Faked a goalie
13 Each's partner
21 Gunk
22 Latin hymn word
24 Distress signal
27 Specks
28 Farm wagon
29 Day- – paint
30 Pleased sigh
31 DJ's platters
32 Dweeb
33 Urge
34 "I" trouble
35 Mao – -tung
37 Is cautious (2 wds.)
38 Turner of film
40 Typeface
41 Bank offerings
42 Vanna, to Pat
43 "Can't Help Lovin' – Man"
44 Busybody
45 Playwright Oscar –
46 Ess moldings
47 Major key for Chopin (hyph.)
48 Apt., often
49 Two quartets
50 "– idea was that?"
52 Quit talking
53 Rick's old flame
57 Insect resin

Yesterday's answer

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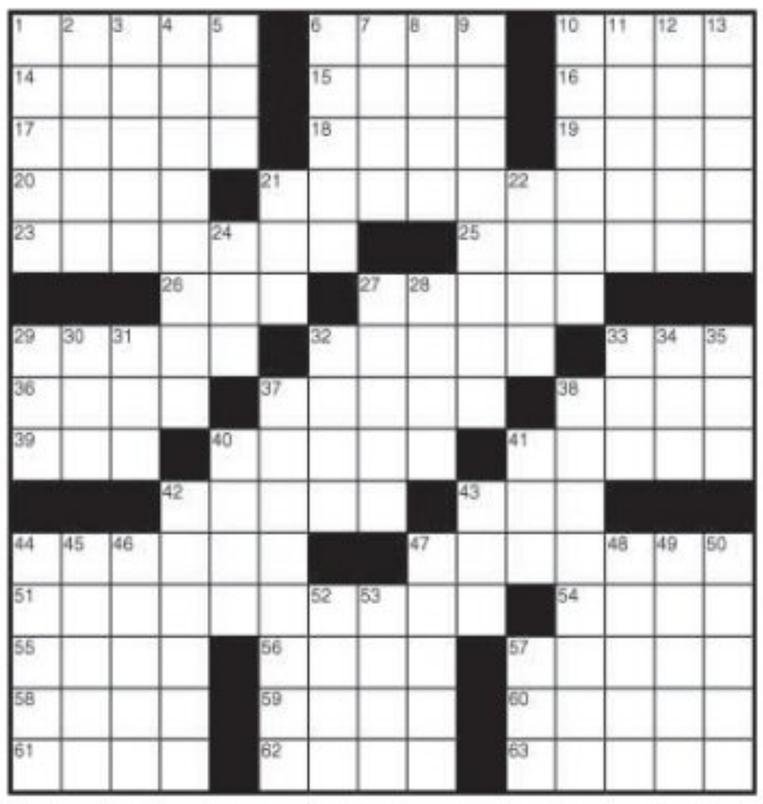

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GETTING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD AT TAVERN ROAD

Tavern Road's striking 30-foot-wide mural isn't the initial visual attention grabber this evening. What makes an impact is the sight of the chef cleaving at a quartered pig carcass at the front of the open kitchen, just feet away from diners. Whole animal cuisine, which doesn't waste any part of the animal, is the next antidote to 1950s mass consumerism and factory farming. Each week, a locally raised animal will similarly inspire and fill the menu. This little piggy was from Vermont.

Still, this new Fort Point restaurant's somber neo-realist mural, created by local artists Project Super Friends, is spectacular and pays homage to an uncle of the co-owners, brothers Louis (he with the meat cleaver) and Michael DiBiccari.

The DiBiccaris' pan-Mediterranean menu is equally expansive, but well edited. An array of interesting side dishes is more than just accompaniments to the weekly beastie. Parmesan polenta has a soft poached egg; grilled broccoli rabe with vanilla is pulled together with hazelnuts; a tangy lemon artichoke risotto is enriched with ripe Tallegio; and sautéed mixed mushrooms with spring carrots are glazed with soy sauce.

Tavern Road boasts an impressive mural, but its open kitchen steals the show.
ERIN BALDASSARI, METRO

Elsewhere, a simple roasted red pepper soup has a drizzle of oil, a scattering of walnuts, and Maine crab-stuffed arancini. Among the small fare, gooey-centered fried chickpea bites made with a Parmesan-garbanzo batter only fail because there aren't more of them.

The menu also features charcuterie and other meat dishes, like a flat iron steak with a mildly spiced red curry sauce. But, so far, there's not a burger in sight. Welcome to the Innovation District, then.

And finally...

More dessert further on down the Road

Chef Louis DiBiccari has done time at Sel de la Terre and the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. So far, dessert has been limited to ice cream – say, caramelly brown butter with chocolate chip tuille. More may follow, and the adjacent space is due to open soon for take-out.

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Skaters: From the ashes of Dead Trees comes a sound that glides forward

Music. This band with local roots may have moved around a lot, but their new tunes are anything but all over the map.

Skaters are built from the remnants of the Boston band Dead Trees. But there's a bit of map-hopping to their story. After leaving Boston for Oregon and then to L.A. and losing members along the way, singer Michael Cummings and drummer Noah Rubin finally settled in New York to regroup — sonically, mentally and literally.

Forming a new band with a sound to capture the excitement of their new surroundings, they acquired Josh Hubbard (ex-Paddingtons, Dirty Pretty Things) and Dan Burke (Viva Viva), and began making demos for a free EP that began a whirlwind of good fortune.

"When we got to New York all the stuff I was writing was a totally different style," says Cummings. "We took that and formed Skaters around a few choice songs. This is the first band where I've gone into it knowing exactly what sound I wanted to get out of it. With the Dead Trees there was always a confusion because I liked some many styles of music. I wrote songs because of how I was feeling. There's more of an identity to Skaters."

Over the years, Cummings' songs have evolved from quiet ballads to high-energy, melodic punk, but the songs have never skimped on lyrical content. After listening to their EP and upcoming single, you get glimpses of The Clash's "Sandinista" mixed with the feeling you had when you first heard the Strokes' debut. These are exciting, guitar-driven songs that make you move and make you think. Their bombastic energy segues into brief emotional comedowns before jacking the songs back into dance-able, head-bobbing anthems.

"They're all New York-based songs," says Cummings. "There's a vibe that we want to capture. We're a guitar-based band, but there are definitely a lot of loops and beats and electronic elements to take it out of superfamiliar territory."

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Major leagues

From DIY to WB

Metro learned about Skaters when the band was just a DIY dream. Cummings was gracious enough to give us their first interview after an intimate Boston debut in 2011. He also allowed this writer into the confines of Electric Lady Studios last month while they were recording.

A lot changed between the two interviews. Their unsuspecting beginnings, satisfied with self-release or possible indie interest, led to a mystique that had major labels intrigued, with several offers on the table before the band signed to Warner Brothers. With nothing more than a free EP and fervor for their future, the band were soon selling out shows in the U.K. and recording their debut with producer John Hill. While Hill has gained notoriety producing music for Rihanna, Santigold and MIA, Cummings says he was the perfect fit because "deep down he's a rocker at heart."

We knew 'em when: Skaters are pictured here at their first gig in late 2011. / NOLAN GAWRON, METRO

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"This is the first band where I've gone into it knowing exactly what sound I wanted to get out of it."
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The Virgins may be from New York, but they often resemble a band from Boston — The Cars. Like that seminal new wave/power pop act, they know how to write a terse but hooky pop song that opens up wide in the chorus, and they add a dance-punk sensibility.

This Sunday

The Cave Singers

Sunday, 8 p.m.
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$14, 18+, 800-745-3000
www.ticketmaster.com

Former members of Pretty Girls Make Graves formed this group, and couldn't be more different than the razor-sharp punk of their former project. Their folk-ish sound is kind of in now, but they retain a dramatic tension that makes them stand out. MATTHEW DINARO

The Cave Singers are at the BMH on Sunday. / KYLE JOHNSON

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HENRIETTA'S TABLE: WHEN FARM-TO-TABLE BECOMES FARM-TO-GLASS

I don't normally think of Henrietta's Table, the farm-to-table restaurant in the Charles Hotel, as a late-night drinking option; it's more of a brunch or patio destination, the polar opposite of the dark Noir downstairs where I'd normally drink. But renovations to the bar area — they removed the market up front and installed high-top tables, which Metro featured in our Nosh column not too long ago — and a refocused spring cocktail menu have changed that outlook.

Most of the cocktails here still conjure warm-weather sipping. Like the kitchen, the recipes, from manager Liam Coughlin, lean on fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs. "We change our menu seasonally, using the freshest ingredients possible," he says. "We also like to showcase newer, interesting spirits."

Many bars pay lip service to "local," but the drinks menu here means it, featuring local meads like the Green River Ambrosia, from Greenfield, ice wines like the Apfel Eis from Still River Winery in Harvard and West County Ciders from Colrain. Cocktails are made with local spirits like Vermont Gold, a vodka made from maple sap, and Flag Hill's General John Stark, a vodka made from apples. Grand Ten Distillers in South Boston are featured in particular; their gin, cranberry liqueur and angelica root liqueur show up in various places. The last, Angelica, is a bright botanical liqueur that adds an extra layer of flavor to the Raspberry Cider Cooler, also made with the local Bantam sparkling cider and fresh raspberry puree.

"It's nice and crisp, not over-sweet," says Coughlin. "The combination of cider and Angelica root give it a tart flavor."

If you go

Henrietta's Table at the Charles Hotel

One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5005
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Bar manager Liam Coughlin mixes drinks from the new spring bar menu for Alexina Carey, left, and Ariana Duces at Henrietta's Table in the Charles Hotel. / ERIN BALDASSARI, METRO

Spring drinks

What he's having

"I am a bourbon drinker, so that's something I was thinking about when I was thinking of the spring menu," Coughlin says. "I love an Old Fashioned, but I didn't want to go with traditional one."

His version tweaks the time-honored formula, muddling fresh blueberries with maple sugar.

"It's a great product that gives it a nice sweetness — but not like pancakes — and compliments the Maker's Mark very well."

Another whiskey drink well-suited for slow sipping in the sun is an iced tea-style cocktail made with Old Overholt rye and Harney & Sons black currant iced tea, garnished with a sugar cane stirrer.

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Secret agent man

Ex-Jets GM Tannenbaum now an agent

Mike Tannenbaum is going from arguing for his owner to arguing for his clients.

The ex-Jets general manager was hired by Priority Sports and Entertainment yesterday. He will be president of the agency's new division negotiating on behalf of coaches, broadcasters and front office executives.

"I'm hoping to bring a different perspective to the job," Tannenbaum told ESPN. "Nobody knows better than me the ups and downs of running a team, and I think I'll be able to share those experiences in my new role." METRO

Bronco buster

Wes Welker elaborates on negotiations

Speaking on "The Dan Patrick Show," Broncos receiver Wes Welker talked about his time in New England and whether or not he thought Tom Brady had any say in personnel matters for the Patriots.

"I had a lot of great years with Tom [Brady] there in New England," Welker said. "And now it's another chapter. You don't forget everything, but you kind of move on and get ready for the next season.

"I don't think Tom makes decisions [on personnel matters]. Actually, I know he doesn't. He wants what's best for the team. And he knows his coach does that." METRO

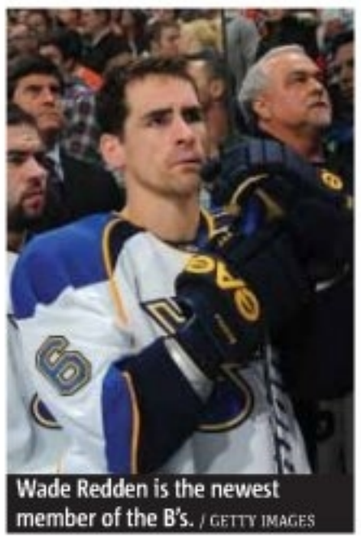
Slot swap

Edelman to visit with Giants

Free agent receiver Julian Edelman is visiting with the New York Giants this week, according to USA Today.

Edelman has recorded 69 catches for 714 yards and four TDs since being drafted by the Pats in the seventh round of the 2009 NFL draft. METRO

B's fill glaring need, bring in defenseman Redden


Wade Redden is the newest member of the B's. / GETTY IMAGES

Bruins. The rest of the NHL makes major deals while the Bruins tweak things by bringing in solid veterans.

The Bruins were relatively quiet in the final hours before the NHL trade deadline, save for two minor moves, but the rest of the league participated in a grand swap-fest yesterday.

Defenseman Wade Redden is reportedly headed to Boston in exchange for a 2014 conditional draft pick. The 35-year-old Redden was bought out by the Rangers earlier this season but was picked up by St. Louis and played 23 games there. He has two goals and three assists this season.

Elsewhere, the Columbus Blue Jackets nabbed winger Marian Gaborik from the Rangers, who received Derick Brassard, Derek Dorsett and defenseman John Moore in return. The Sharks landed winger Raffi Torres from Phoenix and also brought back defenseman Scott Hannan.

Pittsburgh continued to make noise, landing forward Jussi Jokinen from Carolina. The Bruins also tinkered at the minor league level as they sent Maxime Sauve to the Blackhawks for Rob Flick. The 22-year-old Flick has five points and 97 penalty minutes in 51 AHL games.

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Mike Rice fired

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RICE'S FIRING IS TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Sorry, Rutgers, but the termination of men's basketball head coach Mike Rice is too little, too late.

We are now five months from the time when the school suspended him in December when his abuse of players and coaches was first learned. That suspension and his termination are summed up by ESPN's report Tuesday of a head coach who pushed, cursed and taunted his way to mediocrity at Rutgers. Now, the university is left to wonder where they went wrong.

To start with, they should have fired Rice in December.

It was seen last summer at Penn State, where sordid detail after sordid detail painted a picture of an athletic department and university involved in a cover-up to protect its powerhouse football program. At Rutgers, Rice's intolerable actions of physical and emotional abuse of student-athletes was covered up in the hopes that the master recruiter could turn the program into a winner.

Mike Rice was fired yesterday by Rutgers. / GETTY IMAGES

In doing the right thing yesterday, Rutgers said in a statement that their decision to terminate Rice was "based upon recently revealed information" and that because of "a review of previously discovered issues, Rutgers has terminated the contract of Mike Rice."

The information may have been "revealed" yesterday, but Rutgers was aware of these tapes to the point that Rice was disciplined back in December. What changed between now and five months ago?

It was only because these tapes came to light and created a media firestorm that Rutgers caved to peer pressure.

Shame game

The information may have been "revealed" yesterday, but Rutgers was aware of these tapes ... in December. What changed?

3 SPORTS

Final Four

Ware will be in Atlanta

Kevin Ware, who suffered a gruesome injury in last Sunday's Elite 8 matchup against Duke, will be with his Louisville teammates at this weekend's Final Four in Atlanta and will likely watch from the sidelines. "I just want to win at this point," Ware said in an interview with ESPN. "That would mean so much more to me than anything."

Odd pairing

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Dempster will make Red Sox debut tonight

Red Sox. The former Cubs standout will be a key member of the rotation for the Sox in 2013.

New Sox hurler Ryan Dempster has constantly been mentioned as one of the players who would turn a toxic clubhouse into a feel-good baseball office since the day he signed with Boston in December.

Lost in the drama regarding the attitude of Red Sox players both past and present is what Dempster can actually do on the field. It wasn't too long ago that the 35-year-old was in high demand on the MLB trade market. Texas bit at last year's deadline, grabbing him away from the Cubs. Though Dempster did not light the world on fire during his time with the Rangers, he did own a respectable 7-3 record and struck out 70 batters in 69 innings.

From 2008 to 2011 in Chicago, Dempster posted double-digit wins in each season.

"I'm ready for the season to start, so it's exciting to get through camp healthy, and I'm looking forward to going out there and pitching," Dempster told MLB.com last week. "It's been a really good camp health-wise. I feel really good and my pitches are coming together nicely."

The veteran pitcher will be thrown right into the Red Sox-Yankees fire tonight (7:30, NESN) as he squares off with New York's resident old-timer, Andy Pettitte.

"It's exciting," said Dempster. "It's a really unique experience that you don't get playing for another team. At the same time, you've got to control those emotions and treat it like any other game, even though I think the players are the only ones who do that. It will be a lot of fun."

Dempster went a combined 12-8 last season in 28 starts between playing with the Cubs and the Rangers.

Felix Doubront, John Lackey and Jon Lester will face Toronto this weekend, and Clay Buchholz will get the nod against the Orioles in the home opener on Monday at Fenway.

Ryan Dempster makes his first Red Sox start tonight. / GETTY IMAGES

New arm

"He should be happy. He got through it healthy and gained arm strength as he went along."

Red Sox manager John Farrell to MLB.com, on Ryan Dempster in spring training

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